(c) The Government has taken various steps to curb illegal migration which, *inter-alia*, include strengthening of Border Security Force (BSF) and equipping them with modern and sophisticated equipments/gadgets; reduction of gaps between border outposts, intensification of patrolling, accelerated programme of construction of border roads and border fencing, etc. The State Government/UT Administration have been empowered under section 3(2) (c) of the Foreigners Act, 1946 to detect and deport foreign nationals illegally staying in India. Administrative Instructions are also issued from time to time requesting the State Governments/UT administrations to detect and deport illegal Bangladeshi migrants staying in the country. In addition, thirty two (32) foreigners tribunals under the provisions of Foreigners (Tribunals) Order 1964 have been constituted in the State of Assam for detection of illegal migrants/foreigners. The State Government of Assam is also taking steps for updation of National Register of Citizens 1951 on the basis of relevant records.

Government has supported the Government of Assam with regard to the functioning of the Foreigners Tribunals and the preparatory work for updation of the National Registers of Citizens. The issue of illegal immigration has also been taken up regularly with the Government of Bangladesh in various fora, including the Home Secretary level talks.

Technical support by IIT, Kanpur to fight terrorism

542. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that IIT Kanpur has rendered technical support to fight terrorism by setting technical centre containing data and useful information for the purpose;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that Ministry has initiated any action to utilize the offer made by the IIT, Kanpur; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) The IIT, Kanpur had submitted a proposal to set up a Centre with the aim of providing support in respect of security related matters requiring scientific, technological and analytical study and expertise. The proposal is under consideration of the Ministry in consultation with various agencies.

Coastal Security Scheme

543. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Coastal Security Scheme has been approved by the Ministry for providing security to nine coastal States and four Union Territories; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the man and material provided under this scheme to these States and Union Territories, particularly with reference to far flung areas of Lakshadweep and Andaman and Nicobar Islands?